

Cost of Fluoridation Would Be About 47¢ Annually Per Person

Editor's Note: This is the fifth in a series of articles on fluoridation, being published in cooperation with the American Dental Association and the Jackson County Dental Association. Residents of Medford will vote next Tuesday on fluoridation of city water.

How much will fluoridation cost the people of Medford? The expense is estimated by the Medford Water Commission at \$1.34 a year for each water service, or about 47 cents a year per person. These estimates include both the initial investment for equipment of \$29,820 and the total annual cost of \$13,118.

Yearly Expense
The average yearly dental expense for each child in Medford under 15 years of age is estimated at \$36.96.

According to the December, 1950, "Journal" of the American Water Works Association, fluoride causes no noticeable effect on the taste, color, odor, hardness, acidity or alkalinity of the water.

Residents of cities where fluoridation is in effect have reported no difficulty with water systems, pipes or hot water tanks.

Tests Required
Some opponents of fluoridation claim it would facilitate accident or sabotage of the water supply. To cause danger, more than four tons of sodium fluoride per million gallons of water would have to be put through the water system. One ounce of botulinus toxin would cause more damage than tons of sodium fluoride.

If fluoridation is adopted here,

the water will be tested locally every day and a sample will be tested weekly by the state board of health.

There are 1,531.48 route miles in New York City's transit system.

Continuing 15-Mill Levy Becomes Issue In Central Point

Central Point — The 15 mill continuing levy in use in Central Point since 1951 became a major political issue here last week when a group of candidates, running as a slate for city offices in the coming election,

published a proposal to nullify the bill if elected.

Adren Pinkham, incumbent city recorder, explained that the levy has been used by the city of Central Point in meeting expenses caused by rapid growth

of the city.

He said that although the city last year only used \$203 mills of the allowable 15-mill total, without it they would have lacked \$2,050 of having enough to

run the police department alone.

Pinkham also said that at the time the 15 mill levy was adopted by the city council, in 1951, there was no other course open except to hold expensive elections every year to approve a new annual budget.

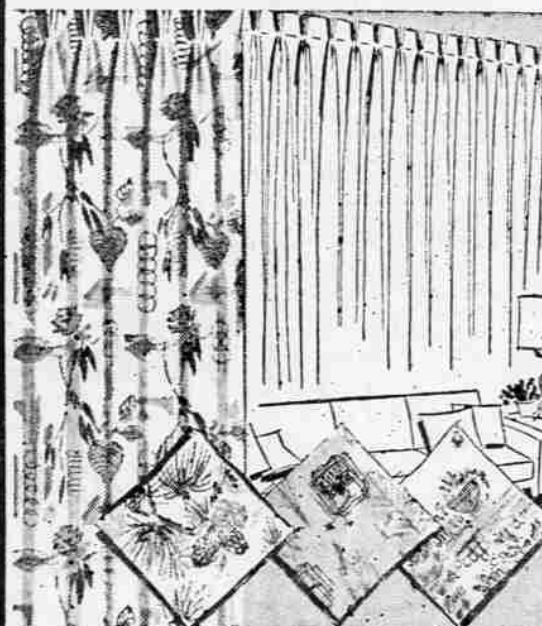
Other cities in Oregon have used the 15 mill levy successful-

ly, Pinkham explained. He added that the authorization would automatically end at the end of 10 years, when the city's tax base is raised through the regular 6 per cent limitation, to an amount that would cover the city's operating costs.

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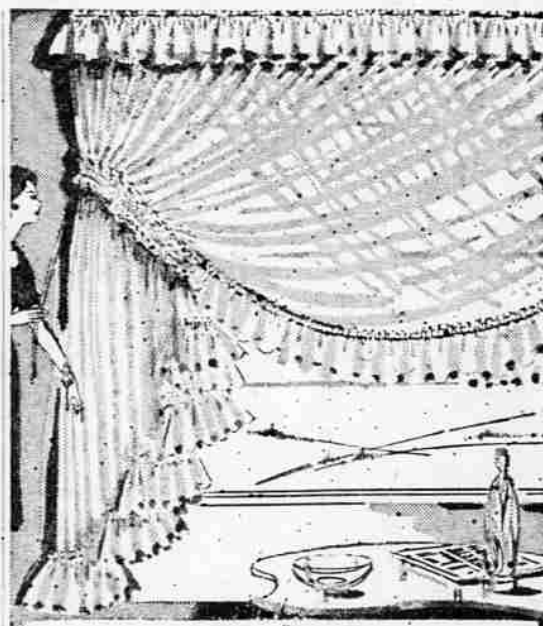


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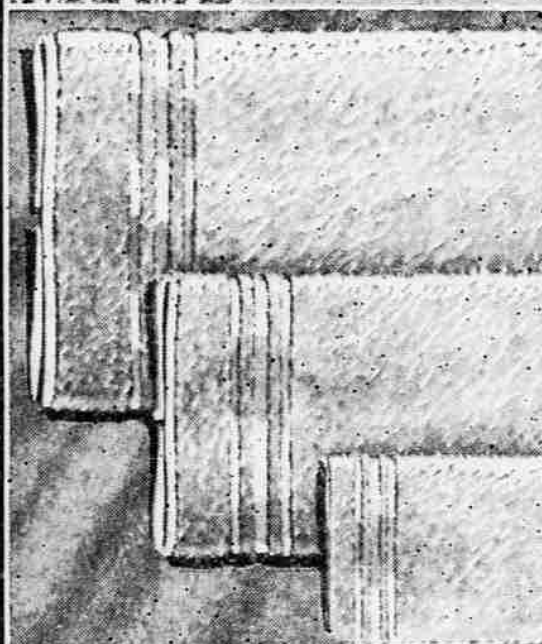


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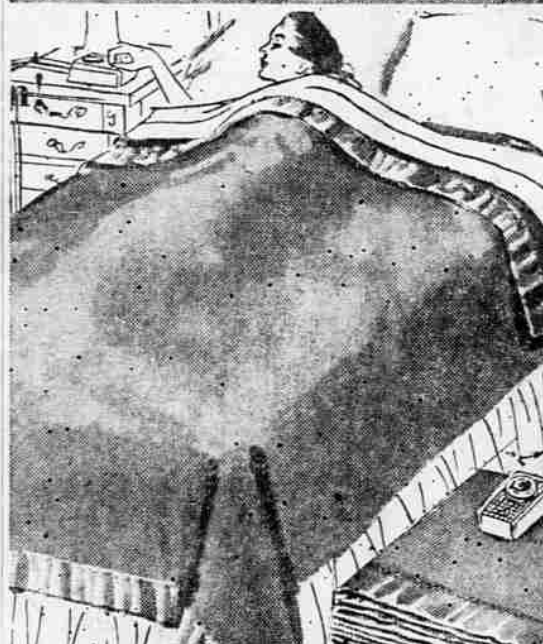


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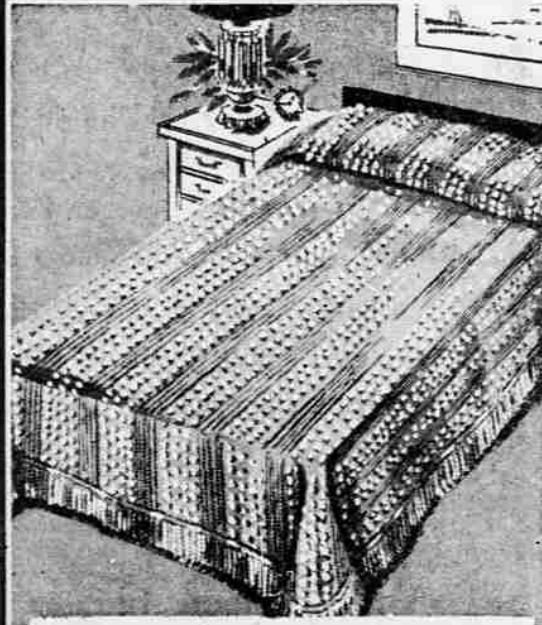
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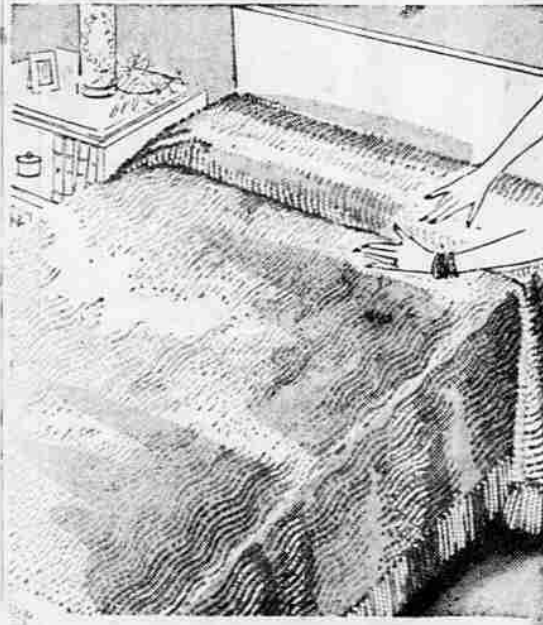


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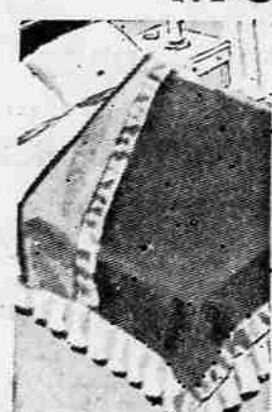
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